



# Wisconsin Covenant

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# Family Incomes of UW Resident New Freshmen

Wisconsin Family Income Quintile	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004
Low (<\$30,000)	15.8%	13.7%	13.7%	12.6%	11.1%	12.3%
Low-Medium (\$30,000-\$47,000)	22.8%	22.8%	21.8%	21.5%	18.3%	19.6%
Medium (\$47,000-\$66,000)	23.1%	23.9%	26.6%	24.9%	24.5%	24.5%
Medium-High (\$66,000-\$92,000)	20.2%	20.3%	22.4%	23.3%	25.4%	24.5%
High (>\$92,000)	18.1%	19.3%	15.4%	17.6%	20.7%	19.2%

Sources: ACT, Inc. and U.S. Census Bureau

# Wisconsin Covenant Requirements

- Demonstrate financial need by meeting income requirements
- Meet academic requirements while in high school
- Exhibit good citizenship

# Income Eligibility Options

- Lowest income quintile (2004: below \$29,000)
- Lowest two income quintiles (2004: below \$47,000)
- Qualify for Federal Free Lunch Program/130% of poverty level (2005: below \$25,000\*)
- Qualify for Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program/185% of poverty level (2005: below \$36,000\*)

\* Income based on a family of four

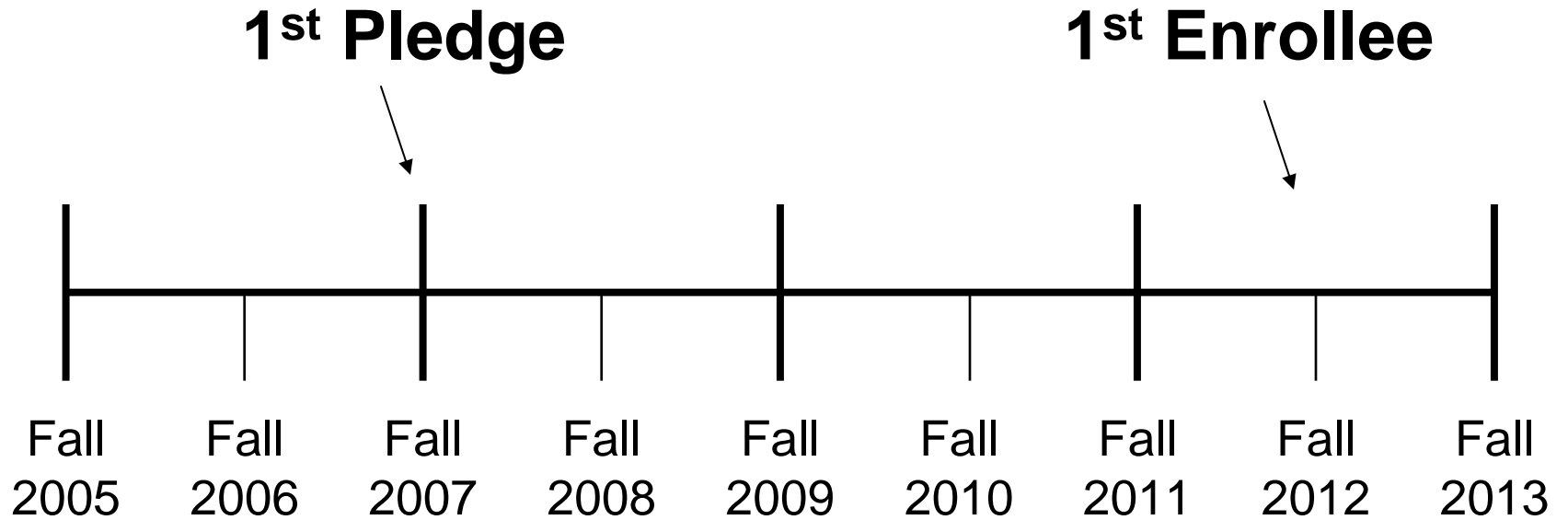
# Academic Options

- Successfully complete college preparatory coursework while in high school
- Meet minimum high school grade point average or rank in class
- Graduate from a Wisconsin high school
- Meet UW admissions criteria

# Good Citizenship Options

- Perform community service
- Stay out of trouble/no illegal activity

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# UW New Freshmen Retention/Graduation Rates

	Fall 2004 NF Retained to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Fall 1998 NF Graduating in 6 Years
Lowest	74.8%	53.2%
Low-Medium	78.3%	59.7%
Medium	80.9%	64.6%
Medium-High	81.8%	68.4%
Highest	83.0%	72.3%
UW System	80.7%	62.2%



## Prior to 2012-13

- Establish a short-term program until Wisconsin Covenant cohorts start enrolling in UW System
- Provide additional financial aid support targeted to the most financially needy UW students
- Ensure tuition/fees are covered

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- Income Eligibility Options
- Academic Options
- Good Citizenship Options